

display, said we had to cancel the fireworks display because they couldn't get any liability insurance. No insurance company throughout the entire nation was willing to insure the Ralston fireworks display. Now, I know that may sound insignificant to members in the body, but to me it was a big deal, and to people in the Ralston area it was a big deal. It was a source of civic pride. They used to have the fireworks display on the fourth of July, after the parade, used to attract thousands of people, and it was something that the city was proud of. And at that time, when we were discussing this particular issue, that was the thing that we were assured, one of the things, that there would be insurance available for these types of events. That the cities, because of their huge unfunded liability, I mean you could sue a city for any amount of money and they were going to come in and say, we're going to put a cap, \$1 million per person, \$5 million on the entire claim, and they will be able to get insurance for these types of activities. Now, I'm not to say that sometimes this fireworks display wasn't a little dangerous. They used to have it up on a baseball field, and we used to...people used to sit along a large hill, and there were occasions where people...where fireworks would come down and explode close to the crowd. I can remember one time a friend of mine was taken to the hospital right after that. We were in, I think it was about seventh grade, in grade school, and he...he was taken to the hospital because there was a large explosion close by him, and he was hurt, taken to the hospital. He couldn't hear for a few days, but other than that he was okay. So they probably should have done a better job of the safety, but people understood that while they were sitting there. Well, anyway, after we passed the law, back in the mid 1980's, they never did have that fireworks display. They were never able to get insurance, and probably the reason was because it probably wasn't the safest place in the world to be having this type of an event. But they tried for about ten years to, or excuse me, about six, seven years to do it. They couldn't get insurance at this particular location. Finally, a few years ago, couple years ago they moved the location to a safer place, they were able to get insurance. And I came to the realization, at that particular time, that maybe...maybe some people weren't entirely honest when they brought that piece of legislation in, that maybe the crisis that we were in, during the mid 1980's, really wasn't all that severe. And I'm going to submit to you that we're going to be facing similar debates down the road. Insurance companies have made a large amount of money in previous years,...